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SUBJECT: CHOU EN-LAI'S DEATH - CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM
SECRETARY KISSINGER TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA.
SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL BE DELIVERED TO PRCLO IN WASHINGTON.
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES TO MAO TSE-TUNG, CHU TE, AND
MADAME CHOU ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY SEPTTEL AND SHOULD BE
DELIVERED AT SAME TIME AS SECRETARY'S MESSAGE.

BEGIN TEXT

HIS EXCELLENCY

CHIAO KUAN-HUA

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PEKING

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

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IT WAS WITH A DEEP SENSE OF LOSS THAT I LEARNED OF
THE PASSING AWAY OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI.

IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE TO HAVE HAD MANY MEETINGS WITH
PREMIER CHOU AND TO WORK WITH HIM IN THE EFFORTS OF OUR
TWO GOVERNMENTS TO BUILD A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BASED ON
THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. FEW LEADERS
HAVE HAD THE DEPTH OF EXPERIENCE AND BREADTH OF VISION
WHICH MADE PREMIER CHOU A GREAT STATESMAN IN WORLD
AFFAIRS.

PREMIER CHOU'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW RELATIONSHIP
WHICH NOW EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL LONG BE
REMEMBERED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND I PLEDGE MY OWN
EFFORTS TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH
HE HELPED TO DESIGN AND BUILD.

PLEASE EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF MRS.
KISSINGER TO MADAME CHOU.

SINCERELY,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

END TEXT.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION IF PRC GOVERNMENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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